

Remarks:

1. This amendment has been made to cancel Claim 10, but incorporating the subject features in original Claim 10 into Claim 1 to form the amended Claim 1 in this amendment; to remain Claims 2~9, 13~15 and 17 unchanged; and to amend Claims 1, 11, 12 and 16, in order to avoid the prior art as cited.
2. Reviewing this application, especially the angle-variating means (6) as originally claimed in Claim 10 and now being incorporated into the amended Claim 1, the patentable weight of this application is now becoming clearer.

The angle-variating means (6) of this application includes: a front positioning device (61) formed on a front portion of the housing (1), and a fulcrum positioning device (62) formed on a rear portion of the housing (1), and an angle-indicating disk (65) disposed about the fulcrum positioning device (62), whereby upon an angular rotation of the front positioning device (61) about a fulcrum axis (Y) in the fulcrum positioning device (62) in an angle as shown in the angle-indicating disk (65), a laser optical line will be projected outwardly from the laser illuminator (2) to be deviated in the same angle from that as originally projected from the illuminator (2).

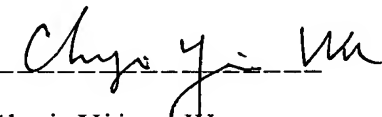
Since either fulcrum positioning device (62) or front positioning device (61) each has a pointer (623 or 613) which can be stably inserted or fixed in an object, this application can therefore be stably positioned for a reliable optical marking purpose.

Please review Fig. 2 and Fig. 1 of this application, this

application discloses a compasses-like angle-variating means 6 having a fulcrum positioning device (62) defining a fulcrum axis Y like a center leg of a compasses and a front positioning device 61 like an outer leg of the compasses. This application therefore can be easily operated for an angle variation and also for a stable insertion or fixing of the device (61, 62) into an object to be beneficial for a reliable optical marking operation.

3. Reviewing the prior art of Li's U.S. 6,782,034, it disclosed a laser plumbing and leveling instrument, having a pedestal (7) of instrument body (with battery box) to be seated on a surface. However, it is lacking of a compasses-like device as taught by this application, and can not be stably operated for reliable optical marking use when compared with this application. Therefore, this application is superior to the prior art as cited.
4. A set of clear drawing figures (and marked-up copies) of this application is respectfully submitted herewith to prevent from any objection/rejection thereof.
5. Accordingly, this application, especially after this amendment, is thought to avoid the prior art as cited and is thought to place this application in condition of allowance. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully expected.

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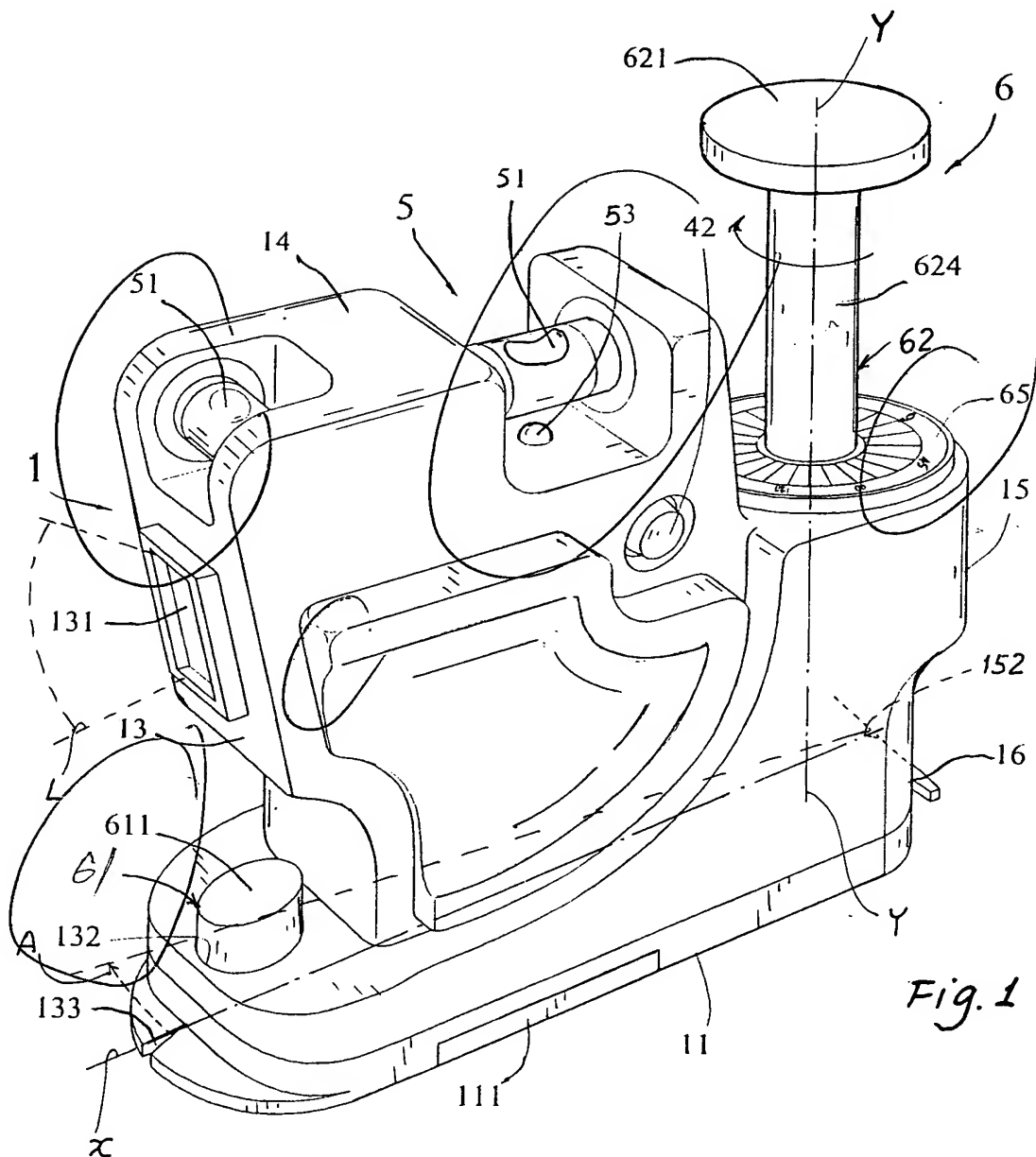


Fig. 1

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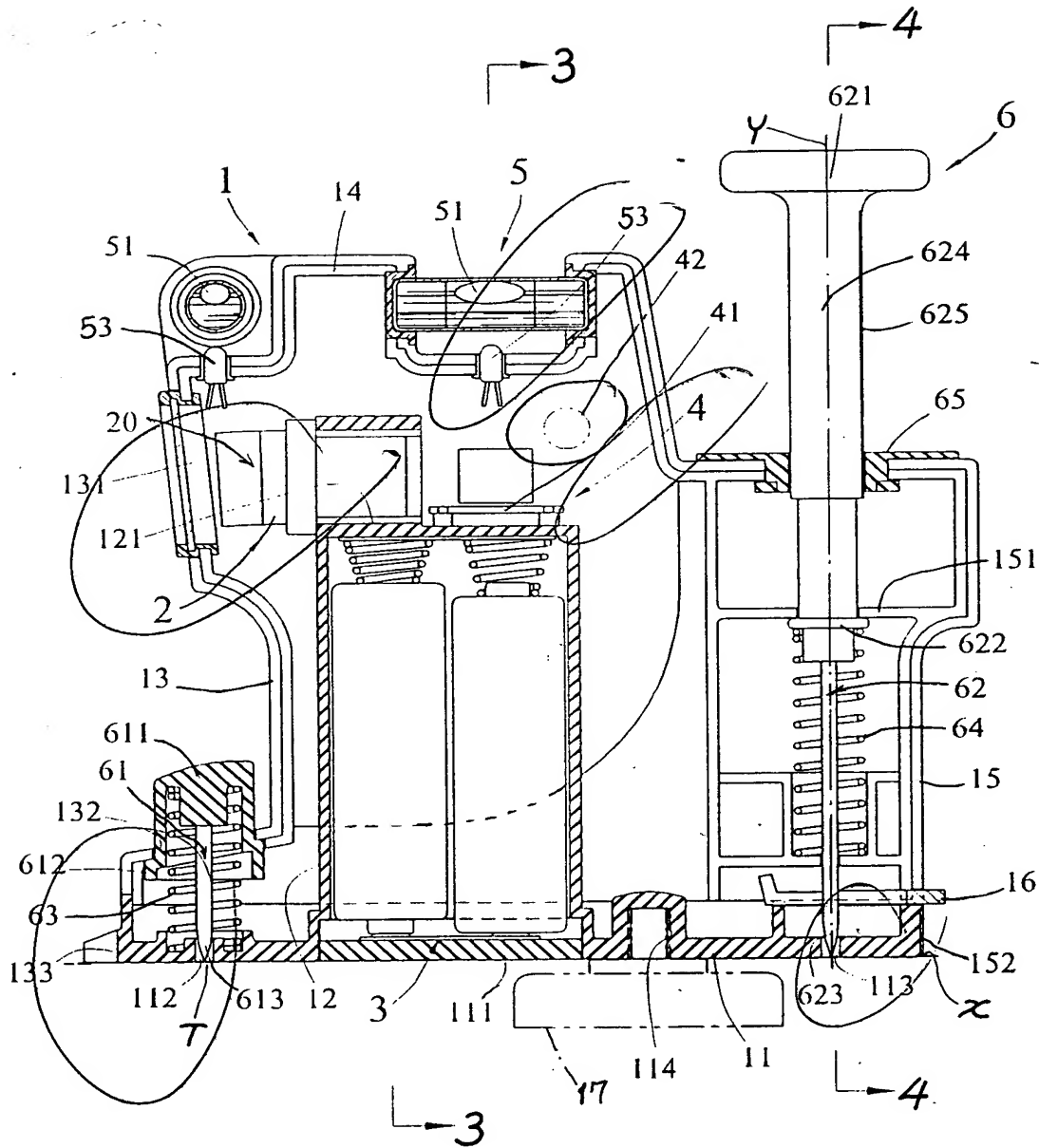


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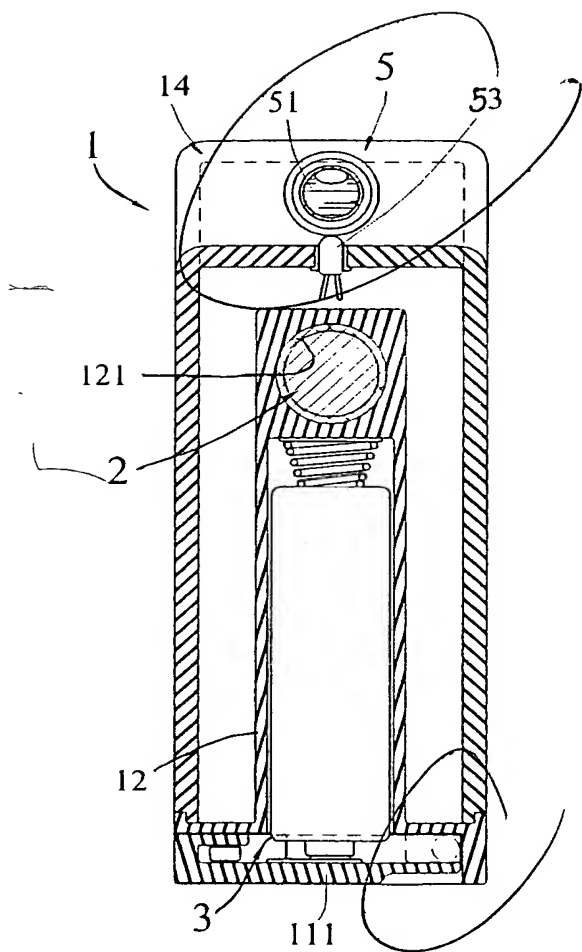


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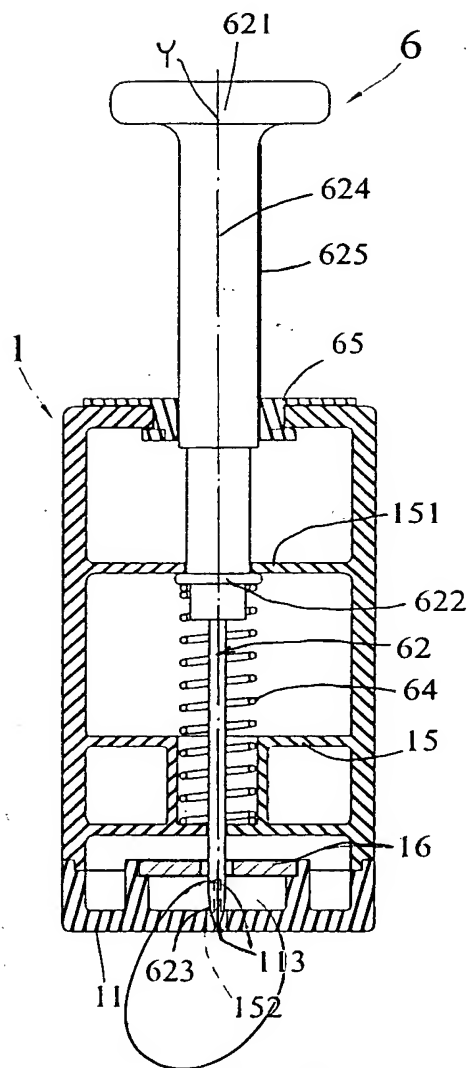
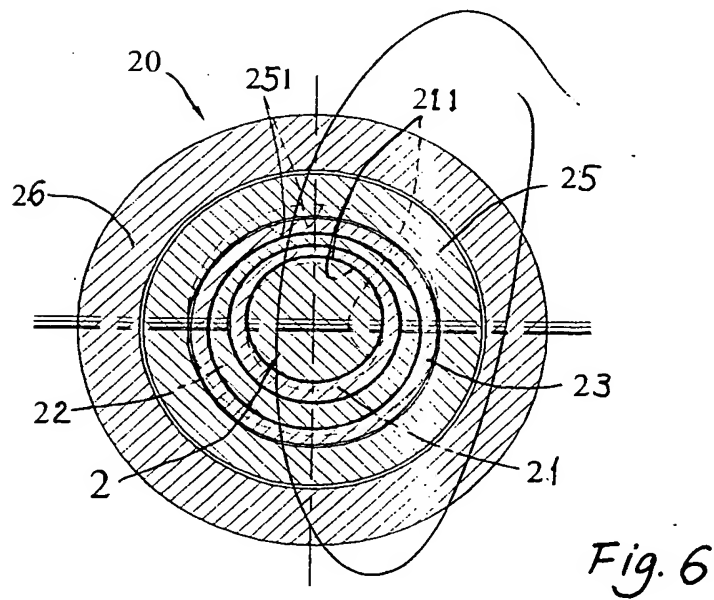
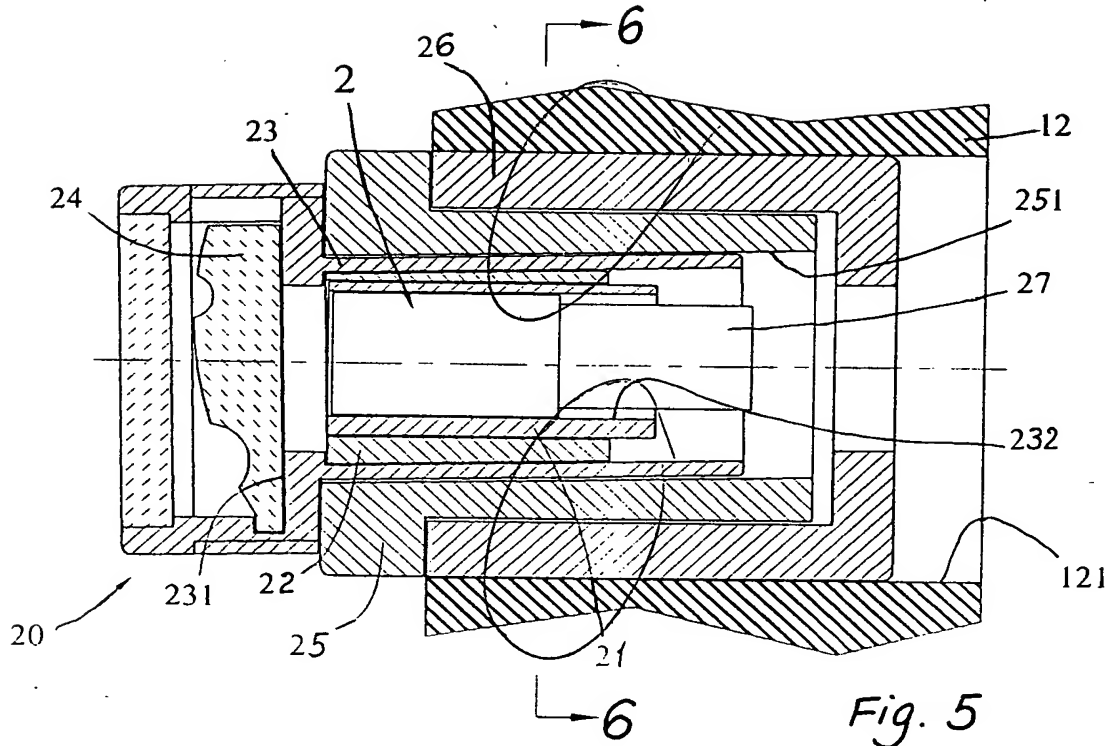


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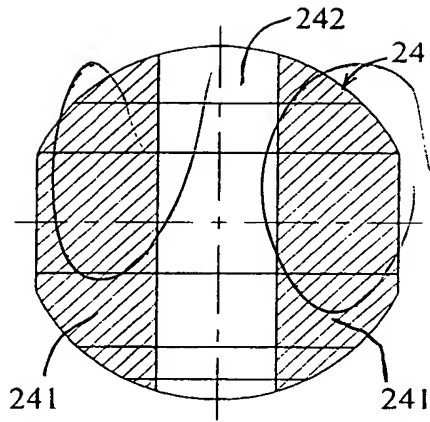


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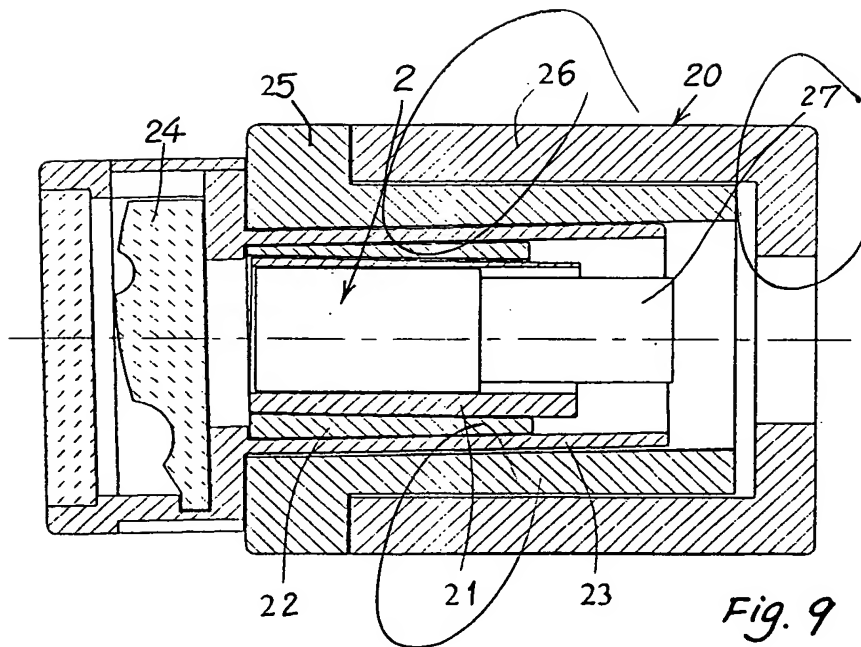


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